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To: Honorable Gary R. Herbert, Lieutenant Governor
Fr: Utah's Voting Equipment Selection Committee
Re: Recommendation on Voting Equipment Selection

Lt. Governor Herbert,

The following is the Committee's recommendation.

"The Voting Equipment Selection Committee recommends that the Lieutenant Governor select a direct recording electronic system along with an optical scan absentee ballot system as the best long-term solution for the State of Utah to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The Committee recommends awarding the contract to Diebold Election Systems, Inc., because its proposal received the highest scores in technical evaluations, security demonstrations, cost comparisons, and overall. Furthermore, Diebold's system produces a permanent paper record as required by Utah law and improves accessibility to voters with disabilities. With these recommendations, the Committee also urges the Utah State Legislature to consider legislation permitting early voting as one method to promote voter convenience and reduce equipment purchase costs."